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1. Within the next few months, an Office for Standardization (Amt fuer Standardisierung) is scheduled to be established in East Germany. The presently existing Committee for Standards (Normenausschuss) will be subordinate to this new office.
2. By order of the SCC, the Central Office for Research and Technology (ZAFI) of the State Planning Commission is revising the DLR regulations to coordinate the standards, especially in the field of machine construction, with the standards of the satellite countries. By this measure it is hoped that the supply of spare parts for repairing damaged machinery in the satellite countries will be improved.
3. Since mid-1952, a newly founded department of the Council for Mutual Economic Assistance (Rat fuer gegenseitige Wirtschaftshilfe) has worked on a comprehensive program to standardize production in East Germany and the satellite countries. Professor Werner Lange, manager of the Central Office for Research and Technology (ZAFI) in Berlin, is in constant contact with this department.

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